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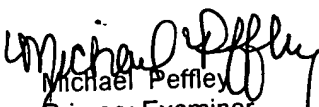
The outcome of Interference No. 104,290 has a material bearing on the patentability of the claims in this application. Prosecution in this application is **SUSPENDED** pending a final judgment in the interference.
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